

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Geography Division, ORR

Project Initiation Memorandum

To: Chief, Geographic Research  
From: Chief, Geography Division

Project No. 63.1767

Date: 10 March 1959

1. Subject of Proposed Project: Industrialization of Slovakia, its Extent and Orientation.
2. Statement of Problem: (Outline attached) The project will have two phases: 1) to prepare a report on the stated subject following the attached outline; and 2) to assemble source materials for an industrial, transportation and mineral resources map of Slovakia. The purpose of the report is to examine the degree of industrialization in Slovakia and its effect upon the transportation and power networks and the development of natural resources, and to analyze the orientation of the new industries with respect to location of raw materials and markets outside or inside Czechoslovakia, and the relation of this orientation to the future over-all orientation of Slovakia.
3. Requester: Self-initiated. 25X1A9a
4. Responsible Analyst and Branch: [REDACTED]
5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired: Approximately 1 or 2 maps to be prepared by D/GC/S. D/S, D/I, D/M, and D/A will be consulted for source /materials.
6. Estimated Man Hours in D/GC: 300
7. Probable Completion Date: 30 June 1959
8. Probable Form of Final Publication: Phase 1 - CIA/RR G 59-  
Phase 2 - CIA Map
9. Special Recommendation for Distribution of Finished Report: Standard Distribution for G reports.

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10. Comments: E Area Project 16.24.66, Economic Background for Recent Problems in Czechoslovakia, is to include a section on Industrialization of Slovakia, considered from the standpoint of investments and politico-economic integration of Slovakia to the rest of the country. In a discussion with the responsible D/A/E analyst it was determined that the proposed D/GG project would be more detailed than that contemplated by D/A/E and that the two projects would serve to supplement each other.

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THEMATIC OUTLINE

INDUSTRIALIZATION OF SLOVAKIA. ITS EXTENT AND ORIENTATION

I. Introduction

A. General

1. Location
2. Topography
3. Climate
4. Population - Density and Distribution, and Ethnic Nationality

B. Importance of Slovakia to Czechoslovakia

II. Pre-1948 Industrial Situation

A. Centers of Industry

1. Metallurgical
  - a. Ferrous
  - b. Non-Ferrous

2. Textile

3. Chemical

B. Mineral Resources - Iron, Copper, Antimony

C. Fuel and Power

1. Coal

2. Petroleum

3. Gas

4. Hydro and Thermal-Electric Power Plants

D. Contribution of Slovak Industries to Czechoslovak Industrial Production

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III. Industrialization Since 1948

A. Relationship of New Plants to Established Industrial Centers

1. Location and Identification of New Plants

B. Location and Development of New Mineral Deposits

1. Imports of Minerals

a. Iron Ore

b. Coke

c. Bauxite

d. Others

C. Location and Distribution of Power Plants

1. Completed Power Plants

2. Under Construction

3. Foreign Power Imports

D. Transportation Network Improvement

1. Railroad

a. Double Tracking

b. New Lines

c. Lines Under Construction

d. Trans-Loading Areas

2. Roads

3. Waterways

E. Availability of Manpower

1. Labor Force Potential

2. Distribution

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- F. Contribution to Czech Industrial Production
- G. Relationship of Industries with Markets, Domestic and International
- IV. Analysis of Industrialization
  - A. Orientation - Non-CSR?
  - B. Part of Economic Unit that Encompasses Area Despite International Borders

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Addendum to Project Proposal 62.1767 of 10 March 1959

Slovakia is known to be engaged in an industrialization program, the extent of which is currently unknown. The current dearth of organized, collated, and synthesized materials on Slovakia is recognized within the intelligence community. The proposed study was informally discussed with the Czechoslovak desk officers in DRS and EE Area of the Department of State. The DRS Czechoslovak desk officer expressed an interest in and a need for a study which analyzes the relationship of new industry to established industrial centers in terms of type, location, and contribution to the total Czechoslovak industrial output. He knew of no one engaged in or planning such a study. The EE Area Czechoslovak desk officer stated that such a favorable economic situation occur that may prompt opening a consulate in Czechoslovakia then the study would be useful in determining the degree of need for locating that consulate in Slovakia.

The proposed project would be a direct response to National Intelligence Objective II d., pertaining to the motivation, character, and magnitude of the economic development programs and the vulnerabilities in the internal communication system of Czechoslovakia.